

# YANKEES FIRE HEAVY VOLLEY BEFORE TRUCE

Thousands of American Guns Roar Before Armistice Goes Into Effect.

## NEWS BRINGS JOY TO MEN

Orders to Cease Hostilities Received by Advanced Detachments of Americans From Couriers—Troops Celebrate on Battlefield.

With the American Army Near Sedan, Nov. 13.—Thousands of American heavy guns fired the parting shot to the Germans at exactly eleven o'clock Monday morning.

The line reached by the American forces at eleven o'clock was staked out.

### Yanks Told to Stop Firing.

With the American Army North of Verdun, Nov. 13.—American troops attacked at 9:30 Monday morning north of Verdun, making a sharp advance just before the armistice went into effect.

### Notified by Couriers.

Orders to cease hostilities were received by the advanced detachments of Americans from mud-smeared foot couriers, who had made their way through quagmires to the front.

The correspondent watched the closing of the world tragedy from a hollow near the firing line, known as "Death valley," on the outskirts of Cots-de-Pouvre, north of Verdun.

### Yanks and French Cheer.

News of the signing of the armistice was received by the doughboys with unbounded joy. The men who had been fighting so valiantly for days in rain and mud could hardly believe the glad tidings.

French and American soldiers and civilians in the rear zone gave vent to their feelings with ringing cheers. The event stirred emotions in a way difficult to describe.

As the final echoes from the last salvo of guns died away the doughboys began to waltz the two-step, while others threw their caps into the air. Still others gave a Fourth of July touch to the proceedings by firing rifles and revolvers and setting off rockets.

Old Glory was unfurled on improvised flagpoles made of the blackened trunks of trees and there was much cheering.

"The gang sure let out one whoop," said Sergeant Lamona. "And maybe we didn't do some shooting. We had been keeping the old guns busy for nine months and ever since the fight at Reicheprey."

The crew had been cited three times for breaking up enemy machine gun nests and had destroyed two German tanks by point-blank firing.

### All Help Fire Last Round.

"As the time drew near for the cessation of firing," said Sergeant Lamona, "the fellows certainly gave them hell for the sake of Old Glory."

Corp. L. B. Smith of South Hadley Falls, Mass., in charge of one firing squad, told his men:

"You had better shoot the ramrod, for this is the last round. Come on, fellows, all together."

The lanyard was lengthened to 20 feet with clothesline so that every member of the crew could have a hand in firing the last round.

### Captain Makes Address.

There were indescribable scenes in villages just behind the front. Allied flags covered the houses and there was much good-natured revelry.

But there was also a note of solemnity among both officers and men. The big event had its serious touch as well as its humorous side.

The ceremony took place on a hill and Capt. Theodore Hascall of East Providence made a speech in which he said:

"Old Glory's folds are unfurled to the confusion of our enemies. We are pledged to a united peace."

Deafening cheers greeted the address.

### Last Town Taken by Yanks.

With the American Forces on the Meuse and Moselle, Nov. 13.—The last French town to fall into American hands before the armistice went into effect was Stenay. Patrols reported they had found it empty not more than a quarter of an hour before 11 o'clock. American troops rushed through the town, and in a few minutes allied flags were beginning to appear from the windows. As the church bell tolled the hour of 11, troops from the Nineteenth division were pouring into the town.

## 800,000 PARADE IN NEW YORK

School Children Start Enthusiasm for the United War Work Fund Drive.

New York, Nov. 13.—Victory parades of 800,000 New York boys and girls were held in various parts of the city to stimulate interest in the United War Work campaign. The processions started at a given hour from nearly every public school, and were followed by mass meetings. At the start of the day's activities it was announced that \$8,191,262 had been subscribed toward the city's quota of \$35,000,000.

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# UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$170,500,000 FOR BOYS OVER THERE

AND IN FIGHTING AREAS WILL STIR THE SOUTHEAST WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11.

According to the statement issued by Dr. John R. Mott, Director General of the United War Work Campaign, the total amount to be raised during the week of November 11th is \$170,500,000, fixed by the War Department, approved by the President.

The fund will be administered by the Government Director for the seven recognized War Work Agencies, the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., National Catholic War Work Council (Knights of Columbus), Jewish Welfare Board, War Camp Community Service, American Library Association and the Salvation Army.

"The amount is the largest ever asked as a gift from any people in the history of the world," said Dr. Mott. "Viewed as a total sum, it seems gigantic, but divided by the four million men who will be under arms in our army and navy during the period it is expected to cover, you find that it means less than 15 cents a day per man. Surely there is no Father or Mother or friend of a soldier in this country who will say that 15 cents a day is too much to spend on his church, his home over there, his library, his theatre and his club. The President summed up the whole appeal in a recent letter in which he spoke of the work of these seven great agencies as 'of vital military importance.' He had in mind the fact that their activities are largely responsible for the maintenance of the splendid morale of our forces. There has never been in history so spectacular an example of the extreme importance of morale as is now being presented on the Western front. The forces that confront each other there are not widely dissimilar in numbers or equipment, yet one army is constantly withdrawing and the other irresistibly moving forward—the difference is spelled in the single word, MORALE."

"Napoleon said that 'morale' is as other factors in war as three to one! General Pershing, in a recent letter, commenting on the work of the agencies, quoted with approval the statement of one of his colonels, who said: 'Give me nine men who have a hut to spend their evenings in and I will have a better fighting force than ten men would be without it.'"

If it is worth \$24,000,000,000 to keep our boys under arms next year, surely it is worth \$170,000,000, and more, to add 10% to their fighting if it brings victory 10% nearer. This is the appeal of the seven United War Work agencies to America, and particularly to those four million homes where service flags fly, and we know what America's answer will be."

## Welfare Workers Serve Soldiers During Epidemic

Men in Quarantine During "Flu" Soared Succored By Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, War Camp Community Service, American Library Association and Other Organizations

When the Spanish "flu" hit Camp Gordon the Y. M. C. A. women workers found themselves pressed into service as seamstresses turning out "flu" masks of gauze for the soldiers. Orders were issued by General Sage, commanding officer at the camp, that every trooper should wear a "flu" mask whether at drill, or enjoying a much needed rest. The result was that thousands of masks were in demand and every woman who could ply a needle was pressed into service.

The "Y" women, recent arrivals at camp to act as secretaries in the huts, did yeoman service, and hundreds of

the masks were turned out as the result of their efforts.

The "flu" epidemic forced the closing of all Y. M. C. A. huts, Knights of Columbus recreation halls, camp theatres and Jewish Welfare establishments closed, but out-door entertainments were staged to serve the men quarantined in camp. Those convalescent in the barracks were also given the benefit of this service.

The advent of women secretaries at the Red Triangle huts has proved a decided sensation among the troops, and they are quick to express their satisfaction at the innovation. The women workers release men for service in the barracks and assume the duties of the men secretaries at the huts.

## UNITED WAR WORK DRIVE STAGED AT WILSON'S REQUEST

(By L. Porter Moore.)

It is at President Wilson's express request that the seven great war work agencies are consolidating their efforts in the United War Work Campaign of November 11-13 to raise \$170,500,000 to be used in continuing the activities of these organizations.

In a letter to Raymond D. Fosdick, chairman of the Commission on Training Camp Activities, the president indicated his desire that the seven organizations combine their campaigns and thus secure the greatest possible degree of co-operation.

"It is my judgment," said the president, "that we shall secure the best results in the matter of support of these agencies, if the seven societies will unite their forthcoming appeals for funds, in order that the spirit of the country in this matter may be expressed without distinction of race or religious opinion in support of what is really a common service."

"At the same time I would be obliged if you would convey to them from me a very warm expression of the government's appreciation of the splendid service they have rendered in ministering to the troops at home and overseas in their leisure time."

The \$170,500,000 budget realized from the coming campaign will be apportioned as follows:

Y. M. C. A., \$100,000,000; Y. W. C. A., \$15,000,000; Knights of Columbus, \$30,000,000; Jewish Welfare Board, \$3,500,000; American Library Association, \$3,500,000; War Community Service, \$15,000,000; Salvation Army, \$3,500,000.

## SOUTHERN CLERGYMAN HOLDS VICTORY SERVICE IN CAPTURED VILLAGES

Knights Of Columbus Worker Presides At Meeting In Ruined Chapel In France

Had it not been for Father James Horton, formerly principal of the Marist College in Atlanta, Ga., but now a volunteer chaplain with the Knights of Columbus overseas, there would have been no services in the little ruined chapel of St. Crepin in the shell-torn town of Chateau Thierry when the Yanks poured into the city and drove the Huns back toward the Rhine. The Knights of Columbus are one of the seven war work agencies to join in the United War Work

As the head of the Salvation Army of the United States, Evangeline Booth is finding many duties in connection with the United War Work Drive, which is to be staged November 11-13, the Salvation Army being one of the seven organizations in the drive.

The workers of the Salvation Army are active at home and abroad and under the general direction of Miss Booth, they are mending clothes, urging soldiers to write home, providing innocent games, music and other wholesome forms of amusement in the huts, and are doing their work with a true Christian spirit.

Serving the allies on the western front the Salvation Army is maintaining 410 huts, hostels and rest rooms. The Salvation Army entered upon its work as an international organization within 14 days after Germany invaded Belgium.

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## Mississippi Woman Sees Fighting Men As Y. W. C. A. Worker



KATY BOYD GEORGE.

She is rather wee and very winning. Her eyes repeat the blue on her Y. W. C. A. uniform that carries the insignia of her service. Her hair, grey for all the shortness of her span of years, frames a face worn, not thin, but fine with a suffering that is more than merely vicarious.

She has lived in the shadows, has stood by while the thrus were pressed down above tortured eyes, has held the hands of those who knelt in their Gethsemane. In a very literal and unrestricted sense, "She hath done what she could" for those who overseas endure what we, sheltered and safe, read about. She is to tell her story in all cities of our Southeastern Department as a National speaker for the Y. W. C. A. during the United War Work Campaign to raise \$250,000,000 during the week of November 11.

At the recent United War Work Convention in Jackson, she was wanted for a speech in the main convention hall while she was busy with committee work elsewhere. Several efforts were made to find her, the program lagged. Presently Gypsy Smith was missed out of a front seat; soon after he returned leading her up the aisle. At the foot of the rostrum he gathered up with a sweeping gesture R. H. King, J. M. Clinton, Capt. George S. Dingle and O. W. Buschgen. As the audience rose to its feet at sight of "Our Katie" the five men, like prankish school boys, made a crescent background for the one small woman, while from five throats—bass, tenor and baritone—rolled the lilting strains of "Katie."

To Katie Boyd George Mississippi women owe the fact that today the name of their grand old commonwealth is on the map of national and international service. Shall all women by concert of effort and sacrifice honor her splendid achievement?

We owe her a special sort of allegiance—a fealty of duty, of tradition and affection. When she speaks one hears again the vibrant voice of her grandfather, J. Z. George, as in legislative halls during trying days of reconstruction, he helped to mould the destiny of our generation. Her forebear's indomitable spirit rings in her voice, emanates from her small supple frame, calls to you from her steady eyes.

## RAINBOW DIVISION COLONEL COMMENDS Y. M. C. A. WORK

Colonel Screws Says Alabama Residents Are Appreciative Of Red Triangle Service To Soldiers There

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 1.—"In my opinion there is nothing that the Y. M. C. A. can ask of the people of Alabama which they would not give if they only knew half of the excellent work being done by your organization," writes Col. William P. Screws, Commander 167th Infantry (Old 4th Alabama), in a letter to Borden Burr, who recently returned from France, where he was engaged in War Work for the Young Men's Christian Association. Leaving out expressions of personal praise, at the request of Mr. Burr, Colonel Screws' letter is as follows:

"On behalf of the officers and enlisted men of the 167th Infantry (formerly the Fourth Alabama Infantry), I wish to thank you for the excellent and valuable work that you have done with us, and with other American troops, since your arrival in France."

"In my opinion too much praise cannot be given the Y. M. C. A. for the excellent work they have done and are now doing for our men over here. As you know, from personal observation since you have been with us, the 'Y' workers are present in time of need and get some of the luxuries of life to the men that they would not otherwise get."

"As the commanding officer of the regiment, I wish to thank you personally for your excellent efforts and your many deeds of valor and kindness shown all through our hard campaigns, in which you were present with us from first to last."

Alabama residents are to be given an opportunity to give during the week of November 11, when \$170,500,000 will be raised to continue another year the work of the Y. M. C. A. and other welfare work agencies.

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by Wilbur D. Nesbitt  
Author of  
"Your Flag and My Flag"

A health to the fighting man! The man with a red glint in his eye—A glint that glows to a tender gleam for the old flag in the sky. To the man who dares—and the man who cares for the good old U. S. A.

Who bears the brunt in the battle front and hurries to the fray. A health to him—our soldier grim—with his faith that makes his might;

Who tunes his life to the shrilling life and knows the way to fight!

A health to the fighting man! The man all innocent of sham, Who pays the due of a loyal heart at the shrine of Uncle Sam; Who bears our load on the weary road that leads to a distant peace, And asks no halt till he finds the fault, and the roars of cannon cease; May the throb and thrum of the rolling drum be promise to his ears Of the joyous day when he'll come away to hear a nation's cheers.

A health to the fighting man! The man with impulse clean and clear To hold him right as a gallant knight without reproach or fear; When the bugle sings and the bullet rings and the saber flashes bright,

May he feel the aid of the prayers prayed to guard him in the fight; May good luck ride on either side and save him for the grasp Of the friendly hand in his native land that's yearning for the clasp.



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